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: Method of Detection of SP-A2 Gene Variants Useful for Prediction of

Predisposition to Aspergillosis

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2006 in which the Examiner has required restriction, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-4 drawn to a method of detecting a predisposition to allergic bronochopulmonary aspergillosis for examination in this application. The election is made with traverse. No change in the inventorship of the application will be required by this election.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course.

Applicants submit that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and an early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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